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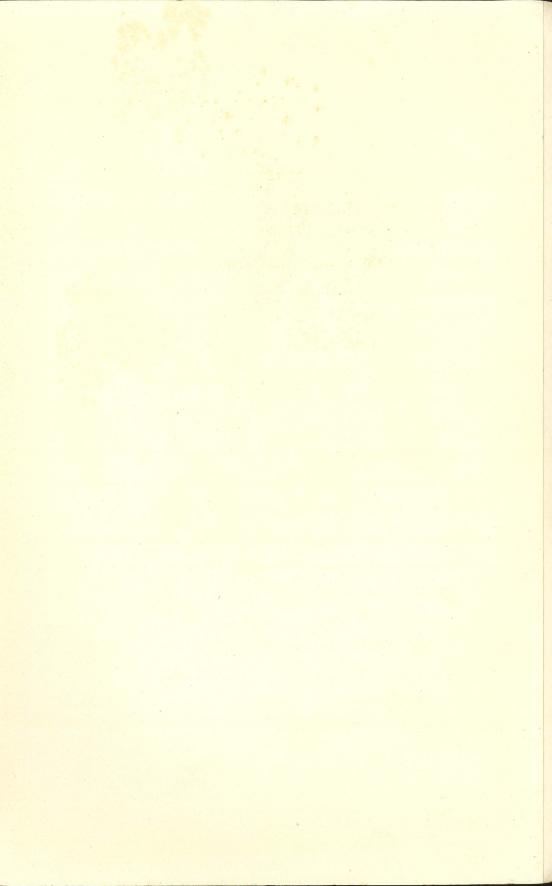
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CONFERENCE CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL

Year	NAME	NATIVITY	Address
	Blackstock, W. E.		Port Arthur, Tex.
	Corbin, Bruce B	New York	Lake Charles, La.
	Denny, J. S.		Basile, La.
	Ensign, F. J.	Wisconsin	Jennings, La.
	Faulk, H. K.	Louisiana	Lake Charles, La.
	Gower, L. E.	Illinois	Lyford, Tex.
	Hamner, W. F		Alamo, Tex.
	Harrison, W. E.	Louisiana	
	Harper, G. L.	Mississippi	7. 6
	Hardin, E. N.	Kentucky	DeQuincey, La.
	Hervey, J. W	Texas	Basile, La.
	Leonard, H. C.		San Antonio, Tex.
	Lively, J. W.	Arkansas	Marshall, Tex.
	Loy, F. W.	Illinois	Basile, La.
	Mann, W. C.	Texas	Hallsville, Tex.
	Manning, S. J.		San Juan, Tex.
	Maund, L. V.		Texas City, Tex.
	Miller, F. M.	Texas	Jennings, La.
	Perkins, C. A.	Texas	Marshall, Tex.
	Pohl, H. H. E.		El Jardin, Tex.
	Pynes, R. T.	Alabama	Keatchie, La., RFD
	Ransom, T. M.	Missouri	La Porte, Tex.
1886	Robinson, C. R.	Michigan	Woodville, Tex.
1900	Rodgers, C. W	Iowa	Houston, Tex.
1898	Sayers, N. L.	Pennsylvania	Kinder, La.
1892	Shrode, T. J.	Indiana	Loranger, La.
1890	Stokes, W. T	Alabama	Kinder, La.
	Swanson, R. G.	Texas	Lutcher, La.
1905	Weldon, R. L.	Louisiana	Welsh, La.
1898	Woodson, Julian	Tennessee	Marshall, Tex.
1912	Wynne, J. W	Louisiana	Woodville, Tex.
1901	Yockey, S. H.	Pennsylvania	Ebenezer, La.

PROBATIONERS

Year	NAME	NATIVITY		Address
	Gaskins, S. P Jongema, Henry	Holland	Flora, Alvin,	La. Tex.

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OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

Bishop Ernest Lynn Waldorf	Presiding Bishop
Harry C. Leonard	Secretary
S. H. Yockey	Assistant Secretary
C. A. Perkins	Assistant Secretary
J. W. Hervey	Statistician
E. N. Hardin	Assistant Statistician
F. J. Ensign	Assistant Statistician
T. M. Ransom	Treasurer
S. P. Gaskin	Assistant Treasurer
A. M. Wynne	Assistant Treasurer
W. E. Blackstock	Auditor
R. T. Pynes	Conference Post Master

CONFERENCE BOARDS, 1922

DISTRICT BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Lake Charles District

F. W. Loy		H. C. Marshall		
R. L. Weldon		E. C. Willard		
	Houston District			
A. M. Wynne		G. E. Carter		
W. C. Mann		H. H. Jones		
San Antonio District				
H. C. Leonard	Continued to the second	E. W. Archer		
C. H. Green		H. H. E. Pohl		
DISTRICT	EPWORTH LEAGUE	PRESIDENTS		
Miss Dor	a Radike	R. T. Pynes		

CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON FINANCE

T. J. Shrode R. T. Pynes E. C. Willard

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION

The District Superintendents

Pastors at Lake Charles, Welsh, Jennings, DeQuincey and Iowa

Mrs. D. A. Kelly G. M. King

J. W. Hervey

E. C. Willard

H. C. Marshall

P. W. Kiplinger

Mrs. A. F. Graham F. W. Loy R. L. Drake

FOREIGN MISSIONS

C. A. Rogers

T. J. Shrode H. C. Leonard

BOARD OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS

To serve three years

L. E. Gower

R. L. Weldon

T. M. Ransom

To serve one year

W. E. Blackstock

R. T. Pynes

F. J. Ensign

To serve two years

C. A. Perkins

F. W. Loy

H. C. Leonard

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

The District Superintendents

L. B. Abbey

E. N. Hardin

R. G. Swanson

J. C. Abel

C. A. Perkins J. J. Miller

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

F. W. Loy

T. J. Shrode B. B. Corbin

J. W. Hervey

F. J. Ensign

W. E. Blackstock

R. L. Weldon

C. W. Rogers

TRIERS OF APPEALS

R. L. Weldon

H. C. Leonard

C. A. Perkins

T. M. Ransom

R. G. Swanson C. W. Rodgers

Reserves

S. H. Yockey

W. T. Stokes

COMMITTEES

PUBLIC WORSHIP Pastor and District Superintendents

RESOLUTIONS

T. J. Shrode

H. C. Leonard M. C. Hollett

MEMOIRS

J. W. Lively C. A. Perkins F. W. Loy

EDUCATION

F. W. Loy

C. W. Rodgers H. K. Faulk

C. R. Robinson

W. E. Callahan

D. H.Cassells

STATE OF THE CHURCH

J. W. Hervey

A. M. Wynne

R. L. Weldon

SOCIAL SERVICE

E. N. Hardin

T. M. Ransom S. P. Gaskins

BENEVOLENCE AND CENTENARY

Bruce B. Corbin

F. J. Ensign

H. C. Leonard

EVANGELISM

R. L. Weldon

R. T. Pynes

C. A. Perkins

J. M. Kenna

H. H. E. Pohl

FOREIGN MISSIONS

W. T. Stokes

R. T. Pynes J. M. Kenna

EPISCOPAL FUND

District Superintendents

CONFERENCE RELATIONS

T. J. Shrode

C. A. Perkins R. L. Weldon

T. M. Ransom H. C. Leonard

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

R. T. Pynes

C. W. Rodgers

T. J. Shrode

AUDITING ACCOUNTS

W. E. Blackstock

E. N. Hardin

NEGRO EDUCATION

T. J. Shrode

R. T. Pynes

HOME MISSIONS

B. B. Corbin

T. J. Shrode

A. Palmisano

H. C. Leonard

S. P. Gaskins L. V. Maund

EPWORTH LEAGUE

HOSPITALS AND HOMES

R. L. Weldon

Henry Jongema J. S. Denny

C. W. Rodgers

S. H. Yockey

W. I. Gates

R. L. Stewart

W. C. Mann

AFTER CENTENARY SURVEY COMMITTEE The District Superintendents

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

As the charter of the Conference granted by the State of Louisiana allows the Conference to elect trustees to hold the funds raised for the Permanent Fund and by action of the Conference the Calcisue Bank of Lake Charles is the Trustee of this fund, the twentieth session of the Conference elected trustees to hold funds derived from the sale of abandoned property. These trustees are:

For one year

H. K. Faulk

H. C. Leonard, Sec.

C. W. Rodgers

For two years

C. R. Robinson, Pres.

C. E. Carter,

S. O. Scoggins

For three years

L. E. Gower D. W. Archer

B. B. Corbin, Treas.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

- 1. Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline? It is.
- 2. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences? W. E. Blackstock, Kansas; H. H. E. Pohl, Colorado.
 - 3. Who have been Re-admitted? None.
- 4. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches? W. F. Hamner, M. E. So.; S. J. Manning, M. E. So.; L. V. Maund, Free Methodist.
- 5. Who have been Received on Trial? (a) In Studies of First Year: Henry Jongema.
- 6. Who have been Continued on Trial? (a) In Studies of First Year: None. (b) In Studies of Second Year: S. P. Gaskins. (c) In Studies of Third Year: J. S. Denny. (d) In Studies of Fourth Year: A. M. Wynne.
 - 7. Who have been Discontinued? None.
- 8. Who have been admitted into Full Membership? (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year: None. (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously: None.
- 9. What Members are in the Studies of Third Year? (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year: J. S. Denny. (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously: None.
- 10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year? A. M. Wynne.
- 11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study? (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year: None. (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously: None. (c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule: None.
- 12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
 (a) As Local Preachers: None. (b) Under Missionary Rule: None.

(c) Under the Seminary Rule: None.

- 13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? (a) As Local Deacons: None. (b) Under the Missionary Rule: None.
- 14. Was the Charter of each Preacher examined? It was as his name was called in open Conference.
- 15. Who have been Transferred, and to What Conferences? O. J. Ackerman, Central Illinois; J. T. Carson, Oklahoma; J. D. Pointer, S. E. Africa.
 - 16. Who have died? W. R. Newton.
 - 17. Who have been Located at their own Request? None.
 - 18. Who have been Located? None.
 - 19. Who have Withdrawn? None.

- 20. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints? None.
 - 21. Who have been Expelled? None.
- 22. What other personal notation should be made? W. C. Mann, years from 1902-14 restored; F. W. Loy, year of rest.
- 23. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? None.
- 24. Who are the Retired Ministers? G. L. Harper, J. W. Lively, N. L. Savers, Julian Woodson.
- 25. Who are the Triers of Appeals? R. L. Weldon, C. A. Perkins, R. G. Swanson, H. C. Leonard, T. M. Ransom, C. W. Rodgers. Reserves: S. H. Yockey, W. T. Stokes.
- 26. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension? See Report.
- 27. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions? See Report.
- 28. What is the Statistical Report? See the Statistician's Report.
- 29. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report? See the Conference Treasurer's Report.
- 30. (a) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolence Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$10,321.00. (b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections Ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? None.
- 31. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds? For Annuity Distribution, 96 years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$14.50 per year, \$1,292.00. For necessitous distribution, \$933.00. Total, \$2,224.96.
- 32. (a) What has been received on these Claims? From the Book Concern, \$268.00; from Annual Conference Investments, \$88.96; from the Chartered Fund, \$35.00; from Pastoral Charges, \$1,233.00; from the Board of Conference Claimants, \$600.00. Total, \$2,244.96. (b) How has it been applied? (See Report of Stewards).
- 33. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants? \$1,700.00.
- 34. What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief? \$64.00.
- 35. Where are the Preachers Stationed? (See List of Appointments).
- 36. Where shall the Next Conference be held? Port Arthur, Texas.

APPOINTMENTS

1922-23

HOUSTON DISTRICT

O. R. Robinson, Dist. Supt.

Alvin and Arcadia	H. Jongema
Bethel and Deadwood	R. T. Pynes
Collins Memorial, Houston	C. W. Rodgers
Hughes Springs and Winnsboro	(J. M. Kenna)
La Porte	T. M. Ransom
Lufkin Circuit	(D. M. Rice)
Marshall	
Morgans Point	T. M. Ransom
Noonday and Wesley	W. C. Mann
Ore City Circuit.	
Polk Circuit	(To be supplied)
Port ArthurW. E. B	lackstock, F. M. Miller, Asst.
Rockhill and Shelbyville	(C. H. La Grone)
Sabine Circuit	(H. J. Rye
South Houston and Pearland	(Nye Litherland)
Texas City	L. V. Maund
Woodville Circuit	A. M. Wynne

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

H. K. Faulk, Dist. Supt.

Auburn and Oak Grove	
Bayou Chene	
Basile, Elton and Raymond	
De Quincey	E. N. Hardin
Ebenezer	S. H. Yockey
Gloster	
Iowa	(W. I. Gates)
Jennings	F. J. Ensign
Kinder	W. T. Stokes

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—(Continued)

Lake Charles	B. B. Corbin
Loranger	T. J. Shrode
Lutcher	R. G. Swanson
New Orleans: First Italian	(A. Palmisano)
Quitman	(to be supplied)
Shamrock and Weaver	S. P. Gaskins
Sweet Lake, Gueydon and Cameron	(W. B. Hebert)
Welsh	R. L. Weldon

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT

L. E. Gower, Dist. Supt.

Alamo	W. F. Hamner
El Jardin and Rangerville	H. H. E. Pohl
Lyford	L. E. Gower
Rio Hondo	(O. E. Johnson)
San Antonio: Trinity and Army Post	H. C. Leonard
San Juan	S. J. Manning
Turner Tract	(To be supplied)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

L. E. Gower	District	Evangelist, S	San Antonio	District
W. E. Harrison.	<u> </u>	Professo	r in Asbury	College
J. W. Hervey	Professor in	Evangeline	Preparatory	School
F. W. Loy			Sabat	ic year

^{*}Supplies in ().

Journal of Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY

Wednesday, December 13, 1922.

The Twentieth Session of the Gulf Annual Conference convened Wednesday, December 13, 1922, in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Texas, with Bishop E. L. Waldorf presiding. In order to give way to the All Texas-Louisiana Rally the Conference adjourned, to meet at 8:30 Thursday morning.

SECOND DAY

Thursday, December 14, 1922.

Devotional services were conducted by Bishop E. L. Waldorf. Hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King" was sung. Devotional address was based on Luke 19:20.

The Bishop called the Conference to order and asked the Secretary of the last session to call the roll. Twenty-one answered present. Announcement was made that Brother W. R. Newton had died and the Conference stood in prayer led by L. E. Gower. The bar of the Conference was placed back of the sixth seat. The following officers were elected:

Secretary, H. C. Leonard; assistants, S. H. Yockey and C. A. Perkins. Treasurer, T. M. Ransom; assistants, A. M. Wynne and S. P. Gaskins. Statistician J. W. Hervey; assistants, E. N. Hardin and F. J. Ensign. Agent for Methodist Review, C. A. Perkins. Reporter to the Central Christian Advocate, B. B. Corbin. Reporter for the local press, H. C. Leonard. Conference Post-Master, R. T. Pynes. Auditor, W. E. Blackstock.

All reports were ordered to be handed in at this session. Area plan of reporting was adopted.

L. E. Gower, Secretary of the Cabinet, announced the Conference boards and the same were confirmed (see Conference boards and committees). A motion prevailed that memorial services be held for Brother W. R. Newton at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Bishop appointed F. W. Loy to read the memoirs and B. B. Corbin and C. W. Rodgers to bring the message.

Printed program was adopted and the Bishop announced 11:15 as the Institute hour.

A Committee of Privilege and Platform was authorized consisting of B. B. Corbin and R. L. Weldon.

A Committee on After-Centenary Matters was authorized to be raised by the Cabinet.

Under Question 2.—Who have been received by transfer and from what Conferences? The Bishop announced the transfer of W. E. Blackstock from the Kansas Conference, and H. H. E. Pohl from the Colorado Conference.

Under Question 15.—Who have been transferred and to what Conferences? The Bishop announced the transfers of O. J. Ackerman to the Central Illinois and J. T. Carson to the Oklahoma Conference. The Secretary was ordered to correct the journal concerning J. D. Pointer and to have him recorded as transferred to the Southeast African Conference.

A Committe consisting of H. C. Leonard, J. W. Harvey and L. E. Gower was appointed to examine the Charter of the Conference and report.

Bishop announced a check for \$600 from the Board of Conference Claimants. The same was ordered to be placed in the hands of the Board of Stewards, likewise the check from the Charter fund for \$35.00 and from the Book Concern for \$268.00. L. E. Gower of the Board of Stewards announced a check for \$88.96 received from the Invested Fund.

Under Question 14.—Was the character of each preacher examined? The names of the District Superintendents were called, their characters passed and each made his report.

- L. E. Gower reported the San Antonio District.
- C. R. Robinson reported the Houston District.
- H. K. Faulk reported the Lake Charles District.

A resolution regarding the admission of laymen to the Annual Conference was read by L. E. Gower; the same was received and ordered to be considered at 10 o'clock Friday morning. Rev. F. W. Mueller, D. D., of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension read a report for the Board and same was adopted.

An address was made for the Board of Foreign Missions by Bishop J. C. Hartzel. The aged Bishop gave some vital facts regarding our history in the Southland and a comprehensive statement regarding our work in foreign lands.

The following were introduced: C. B. Livingston, New Mexico; C. H. Campbell, Central Pennsylvania; J. B. Chammuss, North Indiana; J. M. Rode, Southern German. Also the following from the M. E. Church, South: S. J. Manning, J. W. Rector, J. T. Curry.

Announcement was made of the death of the Brother of W. W. Blackstock and the Conference stood in prayer led by T. J. Shrode. After the announcements the Conference adjourned with benediction.

THIRD DAY

Friday, December 15, 1922.

Conference convened at 8:30, Bishop Waldorf presiding. Hymn, "Precious Name," was sung. The subject of the Bishop's devotional address was "There Came a Dreamer." The Secretary read the journal of the previous session and the same was corrected and approved.

Question 14 was called: Was the character of each preacher examined? A. It was as his name was called in open conference and the following from the Lake Charles District reported: F. J. Ensign, E. N. Hardin, S. H. Yockey, B. B. Corbin, J. T. Shrode, J. S. Denny, W. T. Stokes, S. P. Gaskins, R. L. Weldon; from the San Antonio District, H. H. E. Pohl, L. E. Gower, H. C. Leonard; from the Houston District, Henry Jongema, R. T. Pynes, C. W. Rodgers, T. M. Ransom, J. W. Hervey, W. E. Blackstock, W. I. Gates.

At this time the Conference recessed and visited the Church Kindergarten.

The Conference was addressed at this time by Mrs. J. L. Taylor representing the Women's Home Missionary Society.

Upon appointment by the Bishop and approval of the Conference, the following were constituted the Committee for Women's Home Missions: Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Jongema, Mrs. Manning, Miss Walker, Mrs. Leonard. Also the following committee was approved for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society: Mrs. R. L. Stewart, Mrs. C. M. Hollett, Mrs. L. E. Gower, Mrs. Ella Briggle.

A motion prevailed expressing a desire for the entire Conference to be in the Topeka Branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. An Associate Committee of the Women's Home Missionary Society was appointed consisting of H. E. Wolfe, H. C. Leonard, F. W. Loy, B. B. Corbin, T. J. Shrode, L. E. Gower, R. T. Pynes, C. A. Perkins, S. J. Manning.

Also an Associate Committee for the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was appointed consisting of A. E. Peterson, C. W. Rodgers, R. L. Weldon, H. K. Faulk, W. E. Blackstock, F. J. Ensign, J. W. Hervey.

The cases of F. W. Hamner and L. V. Maund referred to the Committee of Conference Relations. The Conference adjourned to meet at 1:15.

At the noon-day meal an invitation to hold the next Annual Conference was given by Port Arthur and the same was accepted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 1:30. Question 4 was called. Who have been received on credentials and from what churches?

The Committee on Conference Relations reported the case of S. J. Manning an Elder of the West Texas Conference M. E. Church South and formerly from the Southwest Kansas Conference. On motion he was received into the Conference and his credentials recognized. W. F. Hamner an Elder of the M. E. Church South, was received into the Conference and his credentials recognized.

L. V. Maund, a Deacon in the Free Methodist Church, was received into the Conference, his orders were recognized, and he was placed in the studies of the third year.

On motion of L. E. Gower, and seconded by F. W. Loy, a resolution to change the constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church so as to admit laymen as members to the Annual Conference was adopted by a standing vote of 21 to 1, and the Secretary was instructed to place copies of this resolution with all the Annual Conferences in the Methodist Episcopal Church. (See Resolutions and Report).

Adjourned with prayer by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY

December 16th, 1922.

Conference convened at 8:30, Bishop Waldorf presiding. "Faith of Our Fathers" was sung. The Bishop spoke from Revelations 2:17, "To Him that Overcometh," making a plea for men to be strong in overcoming.

Journal of previous session was read and approved.

C. R. Robinson was excused. On motion of C. A. Perkins and seconded by S. H. Yockey, the Trustees of the Church at DeRider, La., were authorized to sell the church at DeRider and turn the proceeds over to the Conference.

There was presented the following resolution:

Whereas the M. E. Church South is building a church especially equipped for soldier work near the Army Post, and whereas it has not been possible to carry on a successful work at the Williams Chapel M. E. Church, San Antonio, Texas; therefore, we, the Gulf Annual Conference, authorize the sale of the Williams Chapel M. E. Church, San Antonio, Texas.

The above resolution was made by L. E. Gower and seconded by F. W. Loy and by vote of the Conference was carried.

Question 1.—Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the Disciplena? A. It is.

Question 3.—Who have been re-admitted? A. None.

Question 5.—Who have been received on trial? A. On motion of J. W. Hervey seconded by T. J. Shrode, Henry Jongema was received on trial.

Question 6.—Who have been continued on trial? A. S. P. Gaskins was passed to the studies of the second year; and to studies of the third year, J. S. Denny; to studies of the fourth year, A. M. Wynne.

Question 7.—Who have been discontinued? A. None. Question 8.—Who have been admitted to full membership? A.

Question 9.—What members are in the studies of the third year? A. S. J. Denny.

Question 10.—What members are in the studies of the fourth year? A. A. M. Wynne.

On motion of J. W. Hervey, the Conference requested that the parchments of N. L. Sayers be restored.

Question 11. What members have completed the Conference course of study? A. None.

Question 12.—Who have been elected and ordained Deacons? A. None.

Question 13.—What others have been elected and ordained Elders? A. None.

Question 14. Was the character of each preacher examined? A. It was as his name was called in open session. At this time the names of W. E. Harrison, F. W. Loy, and C. A. Perkins were called and their characters passed.

Question 16.—Who have died? A. W. R. Newton.

Question 17.—Who have been located at their own request? A. None.

Question 18.—Who have been located? A. None.

Question 19. Who have withdrawn? A. None.

Question 20.—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? A. None.

Question 21.—Who have been expelled? A. None.

Question 22.—What other personal notation should be made? A. In the case of W. C. Mann the years from 1902 until 1914 were to be stated in the journal as years of active service.

F. W. Loy was granted a Sabbatic year after continued service of 42 years.

Question 23.—Who are the supernumary ministers? A. None.

Question 24.—Who are the retired ministers? A. George L. Harper, J. W. Lively, N. L. Sayers, Julien Woodson,

Question 25.—Who are the Triers of Appeals? A. R.

L. Weldon, C. A. Perkins, R. G. Swanson, H. C. Leonard, T. M. Ransom, C. W. Rodgers. Reserves: S. H. Yockey, W. T. Stokes.

Question 26.—What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?

A. The report was read by B. B. Corbin (see report).

Question 27.—What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions? A. None.

Question 28.—What is the statistical report? (see the Statistician's report).

Question 29.—What is the Conference Treasurers' re-

port? A. See report.

A resolution was adopted on recommendation of T. J. Shrode and J. W. Hervey, that a commission of one from each district of each one of the annual conferences within the Wichita Area be appointed by the Bishop to formulate plans for the carryng out of the post-graduate and under-graduate schools recommended by resolution in the Area Council.

The report of the Committee on Education was read by

F. W. Loy and adopted. (See report).

The Conference requested that the presidents of the two schools within the Conference make written reports at each Annual Conference session and that these reports appear in the minutes.

The Conference approved the following trustees of the

Evangeline Preparatory School for 1922-23:

Bishop E. L. Waldorf, D.D., Lld., Ex-officio, Wichita Kans.; Rev. C. B. Spencer, D.D., Kansas City, Mo.; H. J. Patterson, Chairman, Fenton, La.; Walton McCain, Secretary-Treasurer, Basile, La.; Dr. C. M. McCain, Elton, La.; Rev. H. M. McCain, Tyler, Tex.; G. N. McCain, Sr., Lake Charles, La.; Rev. H. K. Faulk, Lake Charles La.; Rev. E. L. Weldon, Welch, La.; Edward Aguilard, Basile, La.; Rev. W. B. Hebert, Bell City, La.; Rev. Evareth Hebert, Jennings, La.; Rev. J. A. Carruth, Edmond, Okla.; Rev. Paul Leeds, Kiner, La.; Mr. S. O. Scoggin, Welsh, La.

The Conference endorsed the following request:

The Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, meeting in Lake Charles November 6th, hereby recommends and requests that this annual conference meeting at San Antonio, use every possible effort to secure the Board of Education, adoption of the Evangeline Preparatory School at Basile as an official school, with adequate and official support from its funds and that the same request be made of the Women's Home Missionary Society, to the measure that its work is related to the school.

The following resolution was adopted: Whereas, the Gulf Annual Conference elects the Trustees of Port Arthur College, therefore, be it resolved that the following be elected trustees of Port Arthur College:

Dr. A. W. Harris, New York, New York; Mr. Abe Glodberg, Port Arthur Texas; Mr. P. H. LaGrone, Port Arthur, Texas; Mr. Henry Walton, Elton, La.; Mr. G. H. Eubank, Port Arthur, Texas; Mr. Herbert Henderson, Port Arthur, Texas; Rev. W. E. Blackstock, Port Arthur, Texas.

The above Trustees were elected by ballot.

H. E. Wolfe reported increases and decreases in the Conference membership and benevolences. Conference adjourned, with prayer by W. E. Blackstock, to meet at 1:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bishop convened the conference at 1:45. Brother S. H. Yockey offered prayer.

The following resolution was proposed by C. W. Rodgers and approved:

We recommend that the Trustees of the Evangeline Preparatory School shall be composed of two-thirds members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, one-half of whom must be Methodist Episcopal Ministers.

All of said Trustees must be approved, and the ministerial members be elected by the Gulf Annual Conference; and

we recommend to the said Trustees that they change the Charter so as to harmonize with the foregoing resolution.

It was ordered that there appear in the Journal the names of the branch as well as the Conference Treasurer of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

The following were appointed to the Conference Committee on Women's Foreign Missionary Society: H. C. Leonard, R. L. Weldon, C. W. Rodgers, S. J. Manning, F. J. Ensign, A. M. Wynne.

Report from Women's Home Missionary Society was read and adopted (see report).

Report of the Conference Permanent Fund read by B. B.

Corbin and adopted (see report).

W. E. Blackstock, Auditor, made his report; same was adopted (see report).

Report of Committee on Hospitals and Homes was read

by S. H. Yockey and adopted (see report).

It was ordered that when the Conference adjourned, it adjourned to meet in connection with the Memorial Service.

Report on Evangelism was read and adopted (see re-

port).

The following committee was appointed to act in the sale of the DeRider, La., property: H. K. Faulk, S. O. Scoggins, B. B. Corbin.

It was ordered that L. E. Gower, H. C. Leonard and D. W. Archer act in the sale of the Williams Chapel Property, San Antonio.

The Conference voted thanks to L. G. Williamson for the use of the adding machine.

Report of Board of Stewards was read by J. W. Hervey and adopted (see report).

The Conference authorized the Secretary to edit the journal and the same to be OFFICIAL.

Question 30 was called. (See report of Board of Stewards).

Matter of rate for Conference Claimants' Funds was referred to the Board of Stewards.

Ordered that column be arranged in the journal for contributions to Colleges.

It was ordered that the Book Concern be requested to provide for the printing of the statistics.

Report of Board of Foreign Missions read by R. T. Pynes and adopted (see report).

At this time the Board of Stewards was excused.

On motion of J. W. Hervey, R. T. Pynes and C. A. Perkins were authorized to act as agents to sell the Vivian, La., Church and parsonage.

At this time the Conference voted to finance its journal and the office of the Secretary with an assessment of three quarters of one per cent of the cash support.

The statistical report was referred back to the committee to correct with power to print.

Report of the Organization of the Ministers' Wives Association was read (see report).

The following resolution was presented:

Whereas, it is necessary for the holding of funds that may be derived from the sale of abandoned church property and property authorized to be sold by the Annual Conference; and,

Whereas, it is necessary that a Board of Trustees be created to dispose of church and parsonage property by sale, conveyance, or otherwise,

Therefore, be it resolved that this Conference, the Gulf Annual Conference elect a total of nine trustees at least two-thirds of whom shall be members of the Gulf Annual Conference. Of this number three shall be elected to hold office for one year from December 16, 1922; three to hold office for two years from December 16, 1922; three to hold office for three years from December 16, 1922. And their successors shall be elected annually by the Conference on Nomination of the Cabinet. These trustees shall act under instruction of the Conference and in accordance with the laws of Church and State, and shall meet on written calls of any three members.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted and in compliance with this resolution the following trustees were elected by ballot. Those to hold office for one year being: H. K. Faulk, C. W. Rodgers, H. C. Leonard. Those for two years: C. R. Robinson, S. O. Scoggins, G. E. Carter. Those for three pears: L. E. Gower, D. W. Archer, B. B. Corbin.

Upon request of the Conference the Trustees present met and organized. President, C. R. Robinson; Secretary, H. C. Leonard; Treasurer, B. B. Corbin.

Report of the Epworth League was read by C. W. Rodgers and adopted (see report).

Report of Committee on Centenary was read by B. B. Corbin (see report).

Report of Women's Foreign Missionary Society was read by B. B. Corbin (see report).

Committee on Pro-rating Traveling Expenses was continued.

S. J. Denny was called to the Chancel and was received by the Bishop into full membership in the Conference.

Report of rural work received (see report).

Adjourned with benediction by S. H. Yockey.

Sunday, December 17, 1922.

At 10 o'clock a love feast was conducted by T. J. Shrode. At eleven the Bishop preached a masterly sermon on the subject of "The Cross."

In the afternoon at 4 o'clock the Bishop convened the Conference, and memorial services honoring the memory of W. R. Newton were held. F. M. Loy read the memoirs and B. B. Corbin and C. W. Rodgers brought the message on "Immorality and the Resurrection."

The Conference endorsed the purchase of an Episcopal residence and accepted the rate of three cents per member for the purchase of same.

L. E. Gower was elected Trustee of the Episcopal Residence for the Gulf Conference.

Conference authorized the journal to be read by the Secretary, corrected and published and the same to be official.

Resolutions were read by T. J. Shrode and adopted (see resolutions).

Bishop Waldorf read the appointments (see appointments).

Conference adjourned with prayer.

This is to certify that I have read and corrected the Journal of the Twentieth Session of the Gulf Annual Conference and the same is a true and accurate record of its actions and proceedings.

HARRY C. LEONARD, Secretary.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT.

H. K. Faulk, District Superintendent.

The appointments made at last conference have remained unchanged with two exceptions. W. R. Newton, pastor at Bayou Chene, has been transferred to the Church Triumphant in Heaven. The work at Bayou Chene has been carried on by Miss Anne Fowler and D. H. Cassels. J. C. Lane, supply at Quitman, two months ago asked to be relieved of his appointment at Quitman to receive a charge where he could attend school. He is now serving a student place in the Northwest Kansas Conference.

I wish to express my appreciation to the men of the district who have remained so faithfully at their tasks during this year. Some of them under the most trying circumstances.

There has been a net gain in membership on the district of ten per cent; only three charges on the district report a net loss in members.

The district reports a gain in Centenary offerings over last year of forty-four per cent. Only four charges in the district reported a loss over last year.

Salaries have not been increased during the year with only a few exceptions. The larger number of charges on this district carry heavy local budgets compared with membership.

The Evangeline Preparatory School, at Basile, has had a successful year, and larger things are planned for the future. It is earnestly requested that the Board of Education adequately help forward this splendid opportunity of educating French people in that section.

The District Evangelist, C. A. Perkins, has greatly inspired a number of churches in evangelistic work.

The church at Kinder has the unique honor of having had more than one hundred per cent increase in membership. The church at Lake Charles has the distinction of having paid more than its quota this year for Centenary and of having paid more for benevolence than any other place in the district. A church at Indian Village has the unheard of reputation of having every member to attend church worship regularly. The church at Welch has the honor of having the highest average in all departments. The church at DeQuincey has increased its Sunday School attendance nearly 100 per cent.

T. J. Shrode, pastor at Loranges, by report of the representatives of the State Department of Agriculture, is the most popular rural pastor in Louisiana.

The Italian work has made marked progress and is in need of expansion. The Sunday School has doubled this year. However, there is inadequate means at hand to expand greatly this work. The mission among the French is in need of development. A French missionary evangelist is sorely needed, but funds cannot be found to support one.

This District is a missionary field. In thirteen charges on the District, there is no other Protestant denomination working. There are whole parishes (or counties) ranging in population from 5,000 to 30,000, in which there is no other Protestant minister.

With gratitude to God for his presence and help during all this year, I respectfully submit this report.

H. K. FAULK.

REPORT OF HOUSTON DISTRICT.

C. R. Robinson, District Supt.

The poet says: "What's in a name. A rose, though called by any other name, would smell as sweet." To this I must dissent in speaking of my work as District Superintendent, for I confess a liking for the term "Presiding Elder." Especially since a man on a train asked what my business was and when I replied District Superintendent, he said, "Shake, I am a superintendent with the Singer Sewing Machine, what house are you with?" Had I said Presiding Elder, my work would have been clear to him.

Houston District is one of vast expanse. It is bounded on the south by the mosquitoes of the Gulf of Mexico; on the north by the fleas of Oklahoma; on the east by the crocodiles of Lake Charles District and on the west by the Mexicans of the San Antonio District. That is one reason why our population is so stable. One cannot go in any direction without coming to grief. Distance is nothing. I traveled four hundred miles to reach my first Quarterly Conference this quarter and was in the district all the time. One layman traveled forty miles in a single buggy to attend the Quarterly Conference and another walked ten miles for the same purpose. In square miles we about equal Kansas. In possibilities the rest of the United States.

One of our stewards was left a penniless widow with six small children. She adopted two more and though she could neither read nor write she has succeeded in giving each an education and a farm and has land enough to keep her in comfort in her old age. She now has thirty children and grandchildren in our church. Understand I mention this to prove our possibilities.

On an island circuit fifteen miles from the railroad is a family that has lived in the sticks for forty years, yet their name is not unknown. Judson LaGrone was pastor at Port Arthur and one of the first presidents of Port Arthur College. He is now pastor in Iowa. Perry LaGrone is a graduate and a trustee of our Port Arthur College and the Treasurer of our church at Port Arthur and holds a prominent position in the Texas Company. C. H. LaGrone is a worthy pastor in this Conference. Don LaGrone is a faithful pastor of the Oklahoma Conference while Jean LaGrone is a District Superintendent in the same Conference. Yet the old stock continues to flourish and to furnish Meth-

odists by the score in East Texas. But modesty forces me to desist lest I seem to boost over much. I must add, however, that Houston District has the two largest refineries in the world, the most rapidly growing city in the United States, the largest shipping tonnage on the Gulf of Mexico and the only business college in America supported by the Methodist or any other church.

Entering as I did upon a field entirely strange to me, my work would have been much more difficult had not my predecessor, E. L. Gower, thoughtfully opened the way by timely letters where needed and by turning over to me his records of the previous year.

While severe sickness has visited nearly every parsonage, the sable messenger has not spread his wings over a pastor or his family. Every charge has had a pastor nearly every Sunday except Marshall. Brother Hervey left to take up work in the Basile School and the railroad strike has made it seem best not to place a regular pastor there. However, Brother C. E. Perkins and family moved into the parsonage and Brother Perkins has given the charge such pastoral oversight as his other work permitted. So well pleased were the people with the way he conducted things that the Fourth Quarterly Conference unanimously asked for his appointment as pastor this coming year.

The spiritual tone of the district has been gratifying. Very few of the charges have failed in revival effort. Bro. C. E. Perkins has been abundant in labors among us and in no place did he fail to win souls for the Master. By the time he finished a meeting the people realized that a Methodist preacher had been among them.

Brother A. E. Peterson did an outstanding work at Collins Memorial and this district would be glad to know that he is to be with us more another year.

The year has brought some improvements worthy of mention. The parsonage at Collins Memorial has been enlarged and refitted at a cost of nearly \$2,000. New pews adorn the Deadwood church on the Bethel charge. While the

money is in hand to paint the parsonage at Bethel. parsonage at La Porte has been bettered by the liberal use of paint, as has also the parsonage at Texas City. One thousand two hundred and thirty dollars is in the bank looking to the creation of a new church at Rosedale on the Woodville Circuit. Ford Chapel on the Lufkin charge has been improved by paint and carpenter work. Money is in hand for painting the Jefferson Church, an improvement needed for about twenty years. Arrangements have been made for the payment of the church debt at Port Arthur. These items do not mean much as they are recited to you, but back of them in nearly every case there is a record of devotion and sacrifice both beautiful and heroic. cynic or pessimist who would not be cured by knowledge of the unwritten history of these achievements would be hopeless indeed.

The District Conference held in Marshall was profitable to those attending, the distance and lack of interest kept some away.

In the southern part of the district, a preachers' meeting, composed of our pastors and the German brethren, has been maintained, meeting once a month. It has been very beneficial.

Because of the distance to Lake Arthur, an Epworth League Institute was held at La Porte in which our German brethren heartily joined. It was so much of a success under the management of Brother C. W. Rodgers that steps were taken to enlarge its activities and secure permanent grounds. The fellowship between our people and the German brethren was so mutual that we all wondered why we are not one.

Port Arthur College is no longer a close corporation "unwept, unhonored and unsung." The advent of W. E. Callahan as president started publicity fire works that are fast putting the school on the map as an educational asset and upon the hearts of Methodist people as a possession of merit. When good people learn that a year is plenty

long for young people to go to the devil when taken from all oversight and turned loose in the second or third story of an old store building they will insist on son or daughter attending our college where Christian oversight is given all.

Houston District is pre-eminently a missionary field. Only four charges are self-sustaining, but a year's experience has raised the question with me of how far this idea of subsidy can be carried. Some of these charges have been receiving help for twenty years and are no nearer selfsupport than when first formed. I remember of being a patient in a hospital. The nurses and doctors were divided into day and night shifts. When it became evident a patient could not live the ones on duty used every endeavor to keep him alive until the next shift came on so they would not have to record his departure. I sometimes wonder if, unconsciously perhaps, we do not follow such a course. We are not business men, but I wonder how many of us would continue to pour money into a business that showe no sign of paying expenses. Do not misunderstand me, missionary work is not new to me, for I began my ministry on the frontier where I preached four times on Sunday and rode forty miles on horseback, being the only preacher in the county. I could not have staved had it not been for the missionary money. Now flourishing churches dot the prairies of Kansas where I ministered but they ceased long years ago to be mission charges. They would have been without spiritual oversight had our church not gone in when it But here, often we stay where we simply exist because of competition with other denominations who would occupy the ground were we to leave. It seems to me the old Methodist missionary idea given by Wesley of "going not only to those who want us but to those who want us most is still the sanest." Our Methodism is strong enough to center her forces in blazing the way rather than simply holding on anywhere. That brother did not have the Methodist idea who reported his charge in Conference as having lost ground, but he said he thanked the Lord there was not a church in town that was any better off than his.

In conclusion let me express my joy in the fellowship of my brethren during the year. I do not know how many miles I have traveled but I do know that I have preached a few sermons a great many times. Almost without exception the preachers are wanted back for another year which may or may not be cause for congratulation. I remember once when the Quarterly Conference invited me back for the fourth year an old brother who believed in keeping the preacher humble said, "Brother Elder, I want to explain about our vote. We have had Brother Robinson for three years and the Lord only knows who we will get if we let him go so we want to keep him."

The large number of supplies has kept the work along lines that have been more material than ideal.

Much emphasis has been laid upon cleaning up the church inside and out. Upon the use of our order of service and upon the personal appearance of the preacher both during the week and upon Sunday this last was impressed upon me by a brother pastor of another denomination.

I had met him several times dressed in a soiled jumper suit and a dilapidated hat. In connection he said I am going to a new charge and expect to change some of my ways. I have tried to be like my people and have lost by it; now I am going to be an example to them." Our best is none too good for the church we love.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

Lewis E. Gower, District Superintendent.

Bishop E. L. Waldorf and Brethren:

In presenting this, the first Annual Report of the San Antonio District, it seems but proper to indicate some of its physical features that you may the better understand whereof we speak.

The average width of the district is about 200 miles, being bounded on the west by the Rio Grande River and Devils River and the International & Great Northern Railroad running northeast out of San Antonio; the eastern boundary is not defined except by the organized churches now within the Houston District, and our extreme length is over three hundred miles, extending north from northern boundary of Old Mexico at the mouth of the Rio Grande River.

Within these more than 60,000 square miles are to be found many items of more than passing interest. Besides farming and stock raising, bee culture and the production of honey, open ports and oil fields, the South's greatest irrigated vegetable gardens and the possible greatest citrus fruit producing section in the United States (the lower Rio Grande Valley), we have San Antonio, the largest city in the largest state in the best country on earth, and in it TRINITY.

What the best district in our Methodism in Oklahoma was twenty years ago, that we are now; what our best district in Kansas was thirty years ago, that we are now; what our best district in California was forty years ago, that we are now, and what they are now we shall be within fewer years than the least number indicated above if we as a church are true to our trust and faithfully discharge our duty at Stewards of God in the conservation and cultivation of this wonderfully fertile field.

The United States Census for 1920 shows that at least twenty-five per cent of the area of this district increased in population during the previous ten years from fifty to seventy-five per cent, and this increase is from the North largely. Out of those sections of North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, which have been decreasing in population, as well as from many states and sections of states that have increased in population these enterprising people have come, and with them are thous-

ands of Methodists. Many of these have found church homes in other denominations or have created community churches, non-denominational, and are worshipping there, but great numbers have not become identified with any church, too many have sorely neglected the church and lost interest in it, while others wait with some hope that their own church will afford them a home and minister.

The year has not passed without change in pastoral leadership. In February it became evident that Mrs. J. T. Carson, wife of the pastor of the Community Church at Rio Hondo, must have a higher altitude, and Bishop Waldorf appointed him to the Army Post Church, this city. This change relieved Rev. C. M. Hollett, who was serving as supply. Rev. Carson served Army Post Church until a few weeks ago, when he was transferred to the Oklahoma Conference. During these weeks, Army Post Church has had no pastor, and the statistics are those which Rev. Carson furnished at the Fourth Quarterly Conference.

We could not properly provide pastors for Turner Tract and Rio Hondo on account of local conditions and character of men needed, so the District Superintendent has supplied these as best he could; he will report for both.

During the year we have developed three sew Methodist Episcopal organizations, one at Rio Hondo, largely within the Community Church, another at El Jardin, about eight miles from Brownsville and the last at Rangerville. Rev. H. H. E. Pohl was transferred from the Colorado Conference and placed in charge of El Jardin in August, and since the organization of our work at Rangerville he has had that also.

Rev. J. P. Chamness has remained in charge of the People's Church at San Juan until the first of this month on which date his pastorate there terminated.

Though a hard year we have had a great and good one. In our Evangelistic activities we have seen many saved and enrolled with the church. The District quota for the "I Will Maintain Fund" was paid in full. Our TOTAL of

Benevolences paid will show an increase. Twenty-five young people indicated a desire to enter Life Service and of this number six have signed up Life Service Cards and five are now in training in institutions of higher learning, laying the broad foundation for a life of service as trained leaders.

The parsonages both here at Trinity and at Lyford have been made the more attractive and comfortable by paint and needed fixtures; that at Lyford having been finished.

Six thousand dollars have been paid on debt here at Trinity. Our advance on the District has been granted; we have gone into such places as opened to us and have planted our work and have every needed assurance that these works and others yet to be developed will within a very few years show the wisdom on the part of Bishop Waldorf in creating the district and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in supporting it.

With great thanksgiving to GOD and the Church, and an implicit faith in both, we close the year and rejoice in such success as we have had and look forward and expect to see many times greater things done in the future, TRIN-ITY is but a PROPHECY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We highly appreciate the fact of God's goodness to us in granting us the privilege of a place in the work of extending His Kingdom.

It should ever be our ambition to explore new fields and to enter the open doors in the continually widening fields.

The present opportunities are unprecedented and place a tremendous responsibility upon the leaders of our beloved Methodism. They have given the challenge to more than four and one-half millions of Methodist people in America to lead forth to Christian conquest and other churches are following in their wake.

In the face of the unprecedented facts, we recommend that the pastors of the Gulf Conference preach at least one sermon each year on Foreign Missions and wherever possible organize mission study classes.

We urge the careful observance of Missions Sunday in the Sunday School. Our pastors should secure the co-operation of their officials in promoting educational and financial programs for this great cause.

W. T. STOKES, R. T. PINES, J. M. KENNA.

CENTENARY.

We rejoice in the fact that despite the present unsettled condition in the political and business world that the inspiration given to the Church during the Centenary Campaign and the response to the same, made it possible for our work at home and abroad to be carried forward.

We appreciate the marvelous response to the appeal of the "I Will Maintain" Campaign, which has saved our work from serious decline. We are especially grateful that this effort has brought spiritual blessing to the Church. In view of local conditions and the financial stringency effecting our territory the gains in benevolent giving recorded this year manifest rare fidelity on the part of our pastors and people.

It is increasingly evident that spasmodic campaigns for funds never will assure the steady progress of the Kingdom of God. There must be a sound foundation of consecration to Jesus Christ, our great Leader, manifested by Christian Stewardship. We urge all pastors to build programs embodying and spiritualizing the missionary appeal and putting the principal of stewardship at the center of Christian profession and living.

We are deeply appreciative of the leadership of our Bishop and his statesmanship in providing the inspiration and vision which have come to us through the program of the Area Council. It has been a blessed privilege to have with us Bishop Joseph C. Hartzell, that hero of the cross whose life of devotion and triumphant success is a lasting inspiration.

We recommend that the program of Stewardship and the suggestions from the Council on Conservation and Advance be followed as far as possible in all of our Churches and that good use be made of the literature available. We urge the use of illustrated lectures, charts, and such other material as may be recommended by our area officers.

A wise and continued use of these materials will assure success in missionary education and financial response.

B. B. CORBIN, F. J. ENSIGN, H. C. LEONARD. Committee.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

We rejoice to learn that, as a result of the success of the "I Will Maintain" Campaign, there will not only be no cut in the appropriations of THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS to the Gulf Conference, but that there are indications that several additional projects may receive aid this year. We feel that this is due, in no small measure, to the careful investigation and representation by Dr. F. W. Mueller, of that Board. We appreciate the courteous consideration which he has given to the work under his care within our borders.

We are convinced by the increasing importance of the work which we are doing in needy fields. This work would be impossible without the co-operation of the Board. Our pastors should be alert to enter new centers and establish new churches in unoccupied fields. That this may be possible, we urge those churches which now receive missionary aid to put forth every endeavor to become self sustaining.

We rejoice in the far-seeing and sane leadership of our Bishop in accepting the challenge of increasing opportunities for extending the Kingdom of God, incidentally making possible a rich future for our conference.

We urge continued support of our Italian Mission in New Orleans and for our Conference educational project among the Acadian French through Evangeline Preparatory School at Basile, La.

We hope all our pastors will seize the numerous opportunities for promoting the church's program of evangelization and Americanization.

B. B. CORBIN, Chairman,H. C. LEONARD,T. J. SCHRODE,S. P. GASKIN,A. PALMISANO,L. V. MAUND,

Committee.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

In harmony with the effort being made throughout the Methodist Episcopal Church to create adequate endowment funds in all of our annual conferences, the Conference recommends and urges that our pastors be alert to secure special gifts in cash and recognition in wills for the Conference Claimants' Endowment funds, and that the District Superintendent call attention to this in all quarterly conferences.

B. B. CORBIN,
W. E. BLACKSTOCK,
Committee.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We gladly recognize the great work being done by our General Board of Education, along various lines of Christian Education.

We appreciate the contemplated purpose of the Board to give more attention and assistance to the Methodist Episcopal Schools located in the Southland.

We rejoice in the progress being made under the supervision of our Church within the bounds of the Gulf Conference, and fondly pray for their continued success in their unique and respective fields.

We urge our pastors, members and friends to direct the attention of our young people and others to our own schools and to the advantage of attending them.

PORT ARTHUR COLLEGE.

We rejoice in the outlook for Port Arthur College under the administration of President W. E. Callahan. We urge the pastors of the Gulf Conference to direct the attention of the young people to the value of a business education in the atmosphere of a denominational school. We agree with the president that the greatest need is an increased student enrollment not simply from the standpoint of the financial assistance it would give but the effect it would have upon the advancement of the Kingdom in the sending out into the business world trained young people with the proper conception of business as it relates itself to the Kingdom of God.

We therefore heartily endorse the enlarged policy of the Board of Trustees in providing a reduced scholarship plan as well as a monthly tuition plan. We urge the cooperation of every minister and layman in putting across a campiagn for 200 scholarships at a special rate to begin January 1, 1923.

EVANGELINE PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

We more and more recognize the Evangeline Preparatory School as a child of Providence meeting a crying need among a long neglected and needy people, the Acadian-French.

We appreciate the good progress made and advance steps taken, especially in the purchase of a farm for the use of the Agricultural Department.

We heartily approve of the purpose of the school to insist upon thoroughness of school work and to endeavor to lead the students to a knowledge of the truth and a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

These two above named schools are so related as to mutually aid each other, the Evangeline School by recommending the Port Arthur College to High School graduates who desire business training.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE EVANGELICAL PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR THE YEARS 1921-1922.

Year opened September 1920-1921 with three teachers giving full time, two part time and an attendance of 53

pupils which increased so that at the close of the year there were 93 enrolled.

Careful and thorough work was done by all the instructors in the school and a good moral influence was exerted over the student body. A number were led to accept Christ and to unite with the Church.

Substantial additions were made during the year to the equipment, library and laboratory, a farm of 55 acres costing \$6,000, on which a payment of \$1,000 has been made, has been purchased. This farm not only affords an opportunity for instruction in agriculture but also furnishes boys opportunity to partially, by work, to pay their way through school, and will add to the income of the school.

Deeds for property have been made to the Methodist Episcopal Church and charter adopted. Deeds and charter have been duly recorded at Ville Platte, the parish seat of Evangeline parish. An industrial home for girls has been opened by the W. H. M. S. in temporary quarters, with a matron and ten girls in attendance. A place for boys has been secured and six boys from neighboring towns and communities are attending the school. We now have 82 students enrolled and more would come if we could take care of them.

For financial statement we refer you to the secretary-treasurer, Walter McCain's report.

FRANK W. LOY, President.

EPWORTH LEAGUE REPORT.

We recommend in all our churches that:

- 1. Special emphasis be placed upon the thorough organization of the Senior and Junior Epworth Leagues.
- 2. That we encourage mission study and stewardship classes.
- 3. That the 24-Hour-Day Plan, Win-My-Chum Week, Morning Watch, be carefully observed.

4. That Epworth League Institutes be held at such times and places as may be decided upon by the Conference Board of Control, and that we pledge our hearty co-operation to the Area Staff in carrying the Area Plan.

R. L. WELDON, C. W. RODGERS, Sec'y.

HOSPITALS AND HOMES.

We are grateful to God and the Church for these great institutions, hospitals and homes to help the needy, and train helpers to assist humanity in body, soul and spirithomes to care for the old and nurture the young.

We have in the bounds of our great church eighty hospitals, forty-five homes for children, and thirty-seven for the aged.

We recommend that all our pastors and churches cooperate with these great institutions for the betterment of humanity.

> S. H. YOCKEY, W. I. GATES, R. L. STEWART. Committee.

EVANGELISM.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that the General Conference of 1920 created a Department of Evangelism, the purpose of which was to inspire the Church to a more earnest pastoral and personal evangelism, including intercession and family worship to prevent so far as possible the loss of members through the non-resident plan and to spread the good news over the land.

To quote another, "We have needs, but there is only one panacea," a living personal Christ for each individual in the world.

We are impressed by the words of Bishop B. M. Bristol

who said, "The Methodist preacher's work is two-fold, one to get the people converted, second to get converted person to become a tithing steward so he may honor GOD with his substance as well as his lips, and immediately become a constructive factor in the Kingdom of our Christ.

We desire to call attention to our area-wide personal evangelistic campaign of the Wichita Area, and with the consciousness of the importance of Evangelism, we appreciate the helpful example of our beloved Bishop Ernest L. Waldorf in his emphasis on this great objective and heartily commit ourselves to the task of winning souls to Jesus Christ.

We recommend that neighboring pastors group together and provide themselves with a tent for holding special revival meetings in order that we may give all the people the opportunity of hearing the good news of our Christ, and tendering our invitation of co-operation to the cause in the community in which we labor.

Since we are not, and never were, a sectional church we wish again to announce our slogan "The world is our parish," and place ourselves with all we have and are at the disposal of the great Church of our choice.

> RUSSELL T. PYNES, R. L. WELDON, H. H. E. POHL.

NEGRO EDUCATION.

The problem of the races is the problem of the Church, and the negro furnishes a large part of that problem.

To the solution of this problem must be given our best efforts. These efforts can be used effectively in Christian education which concerns itself with heart, mind and body.

The negro must be educated, and we must help to do it.

T. J. SHRODE, RUSSELL T. PYNES, C. R. ROBINSON.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee met and examined the Treasurer's record of the Gulf Annual Conference and found it correct. We further examined the report of the Conference Treasurer for Home Mission Funds. Having received the O.K. of the District Superintendents on this report we hereby indicate this report as approved.

W. E. BLACKSTOCK, E. N. HARDIN.

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We appreciate the monumental work being done across the world by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Without their co-operation, in many lands the efforts of the parent Board among women would be impossible.

We regret that, thus far, so few foreign missionary societies have been organized among us. We urge that our District Superintendents and pastors present this matter to our congregations and urge the organization of societies in all of our churches.

For the purpose of unified administration and co-operation, we suggest to the General Executive Committee of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society that the entire Gulf Conference be placed under the supervision of the Topeka Branch.

We wish to commend the splendid representation of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society at this session of our conference by Mrs. J. B. Thoburn. Her presence and presentation of the work have been an inspiration.

We recommend that there be created a standing committee on Women's Foreign Missionary Society and we urge that the names and addresses of the Conference officers, especially that of the Treasurer, be published in the Conference minutes.

W. E. BLACKSTOCK, C. W. ROGERS, B. B. CORBIN,

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society organized last year has done exceedingly good work for the first year, and are beginning to get an insight into the many and varied interests of the Society. They have to present as the officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. F. W. Loy, Basile, La.; Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Hervey, Basile, La.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Willard, Welsh, La.; Treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Leonard, 1013 W. Wesatch, San Antonio, Texas; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Denny, Iowa, La.; Secretary of Young Peoples' Work, Miss Leona Abbott, 1022 Blanco Street, San Antonio; Secretary of Childrens' Work, Mrs. Henry Jongema, Alvin, Texas; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. S. J. Manning, 3401 S. Presa St., San Antonio, Texas.

This Society asks the support of the ministers of the Conference in reaching the goal of the Area; an Auxiliary in every charge; every Methodist woman interested in the work; an offering to be taken in every charge some time during the year whether there is an Auxiliary in the charge or not.

They also ask that the Gulf Conference co-operate in the work, in which the Wichita Area is taking especial interest, the dormitory principal for French Acadian girls at Basile, La.

At a special meeting of ministers' wives held December 16, 1922, an organization was perfected to be known as the Ministers' Wives Association of the Gulf Conference. The following officers were elected: Mrs. C. W. Hollett, President; Mrs. C. W. Rodgers, Vice-President; Mrs. S. J. Man-

ning, Secretary-Treasurer. District Secretaries, Mrs. H. C. Leonard, San Antonio; Mrs. T. J. Shrode, Lake Charles; Mrs. C. W. Robinson, Houston.

MRS. S. J. MANNING, Sec.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Call—"Christ for Every Child—Every Child for Christ." Conference Slogan—"The Zero Must Go." (The Zero Charge is one that does not have, at least, one paid-up member of the W. F. M. S.) Secure a member; send name address and dues—\$1.30—to Conference Secretary-Treasurer.

At the Annual Meeting of the Gulf Conference held in San Antonio, Texas, December 14-17, 1922, Mrs. Ella A. Briggle, 1022 Blanco Rd., San Antonio, was nominated Conference Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. L. G. Williamson, 822 W. Agarita Avenue, San Antonio, Texas, Corresponding Secretary of San Antonio District; Mrs. C. W. Rodgers, Houston, of the Houston District, and Mrs. T. J. Shrode, Loranger, La., of the Lake Charles District.

Branch Officers—President, Mrs. C. L. Mead, Denver, Colo.; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ella M. Watson, Lincoln, Neb.; Home Business Secretary, Mrs. T. R. Hollenback, Denver, Colo.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. J. Stark, Guthrie, Okla.; Treasurer, Mrs. B. M. Davies, Topeka, Kan.

Official Publications—"Woman's Missionary Friend," price, 60c; "Junior Missionary Friend," price 25c, publication address, 581 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.; Topeka Branch Herald," price 15c, publication address, 1522 W. 8th St., Topeka, Kans.

Bureau of Supplies—Mrs. Elizabeth K. Polk, 406 Fraternity Building, Lincoln, Neb.

Pastors of Gulf Conference.

Dear Brethren:

I want to write just a word to tell you how much I enjoyed being at your session of Conference in San Antonio. It is the only way to really know your Conference, and to appreciate the work you are doing. I thank you for your hearty co-operation in the work for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Mrs. Ella A. Briggle, 1022 Blanco Road, San Antonio, Texas, is your Conference Secretary-Treasurer, and all reports and all money should be sent to her. I am sure you will help her in laying a sure foundation and within a short time we will have fine reports from Gulf Conferences.

Yours in Christian work,

MRS. J. B. THOBURN.

GULF CONFERENCE PROPOSITION.

Proposition to change the Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, so as to admit Laymen as Members of Annual Conferences.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the Proposition to change the Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, so as to admit Laymen as members of Annual Conferences, which was adopted by the General Conference of 1920 by a Constitutional majority, has not received a Constitutional majority in the Annual and lay Electoral Conferences; and

Whereas, we believe that the request of the Laymen to have a voice in the Annual Conferences is reasonable and right, and would be productive of good; and is desired, should be favored by the members of the Church, and the Annual, Lay Electoral and General Conferences;

Therefore be it resolved, 1. That the Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assembled in San Antonio, Texas, on December 14th, 1922, hereby submits to the Annual and Lay Electoral Conferences which will meet during the years 1923 or 1924, and to the General Conference of 1924, the following

PROPOSITION

TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, so as to admit Laymen as members of Annual Conferences.

We hereby request the bishops to submit this Proposition to the several Annual and Lay Electoral Conferences which will meet in 1923 or 1924, in order that they may take a Constitutional vote thereon, in accordance with Chapter II, Article XI of the Articles of Organization and Government, as recorded in paragraph forty-seven of the Discipline of 1920.

2. That the Gulf Annual Conference requests the Lay Electoral Conferences which will meet in 1923 or 1924 to

elect Provisional Lay Members of the Annual Conference, so that, should the proposition receive a Constitutional majority in the several Annual and Lay Electoral Conferences, and in the General Conferences of 1924; such Provisional Lay Members to be seated in the Annual Conference, held after May, 1924.

Resolved, 3. That the Conference Secretary be instructed to notify the Bishops, and the secretaries of the several Annual and Lay Electoral Conferences of this action, and to take such further action as may be necessary, in order to present this important matter to the Church.

GULF CONFERENCE PROPOSITION.

Proposition to change the Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Title: Lay Membership in Annual Conferences.

Amend the following Articles of Organization and Government of the Methodist Episcopal Church. (See Discipline 1920, paras. 34-47), Chapter I, Article III.

Chapter II, Articles II, III, IV, X.

Chapter I, Article III.

Amend Chapter I, Article III (Discipline, ¶36) by numbering it "§1", and adding the following sentence:

"There shall also be Lay Members of Annual Conferences, to be chosen as hereinafter provided;" so that the paragraph as amended shall read:

"136, \$1. The Traveling Preachers shall be organized by the General Conference into Annual Conferences, the sessions of which they are required to attend. There shall also be Lay Members of Annual Conferences, as hereinafter provided."

Add two new sections, to be numbered "Section 2" and "Section 3," and to read as follows:

"\$2. The Ministerial and Lay Members of an Annual Conference shall deliberate and vote together as one body;

but a separate vote shall be taken when requested by a majority of the entire body present and voting; in which case it shall require the concurrent vote of a majority of both orders to adopt the proposed measure.

"\$3. There shall be a ministerial session of the Annual Conference, in which shall be considered all matters relating to the passage of character, examinations, course of study, Conference relations, Ordination or Trial of the Ministerial Members; also the Ministerial vote on proposed changes in the Constitutions, and the Election of Ministerial Delegates to the General Conference. At the Ministerial session the Traveling Preachers alone shall vote."

Chapter I, Article III, as thus amended, would read as follows:

- "136, §1. The Traveling Preachers shall be organized by the General Conference into Annual Conferences, the sessions of which they are required to attend. There shall also be Lay Members of an Annual Conference, as hereinafter provided.
- "\$2. The Ministerial and Lay Members of an Annual Conference shall deliberate and vote together as one body; but a separate vote shall be taken when requested by a majority of the entire body present and voting; in which case it shall require the concurrent vote of a majority of both orders to adopt the proposed measure.
- "§3. There shall be a Ministerial session of the Annual Conference, in which shall be considered all matters relating to the passage of character, examinations, course of study, Conference relations, Ordinations or Trial of the Ministerial Members; also the Ministerial vote on proposed changes in the Constitution, and the election of Ministerial Delegates to the General Conference. At the Ministerial session the Traveling Preachers alone shall vote."

Chapter II, Article II.

Amend Chapter II, Article II (Discipline, ¶38, Art. 2), by inserting in the fourth line of Section 1, after the word

"fourteen" the word Ministerial, so that Chapter II, Article II shall read:

"§1. Each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least one Ministerial Delegate. The General Conference shall not allow more than one Ministerial Delegate for every fourteen Ministerial Members of an Annual Conference, nor less than one for every forty-five; but for a fraction of two-thirds or more of the number fixed by the General Conference as the ratio of representation, an Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional Delegate."

Chapter II, Article II, as thus amended, should read as follows:

- "¶38, §1. Each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least one Ministerial Delegate. The General Conference shall not allow more than one Ministerial Delegate for every fourteen Ministerial Members of an Annual Conference, nor less than one for every forty-five, but for a fraction of two-thirds or more of the members fixed by the General Conference as the ratio of representation, an Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional Delegate.
- "§2. The Ministerial Delegates shall be elected by ballot by the Members of the Annual Conference at its session immediately preceding the General Conference. Such Delegates shall be Elders, at least twenty-five years of age, and shall have been members of an Annual Conference four successive years, and at the time of their election and at the time of the session of the General Conference which elected them. The Annual Conference may elect Reserve Delegates, not exceeding three in number, and not exceeding the number of its Delegates.
- "§3. No Minister shall be counted twice in the same year on the basis for the election of Delegate to the General Conference, nor vote in such election where he is not counted, nor vote in two conferences in the same year on a Constitutional question."

Chapter II, Article III.

Amend Chapter II, Article III (Discipline, ¶39, §1) by inserting in the fifth line after the words "General Conference, the words, "and Lay Members of the Annual Conference"; so that the entire sentence shall read:

"139, \$1. A Lay Electoral Conference shall be constituted quadrennially whenever duly called by the General Conference, within the bounds of each Annual Conference, for the purpose of electing Lay Delegates to the General Conference, and Lay Members of the Annual Conferences, and of voting on Constitutional changes"; the remainder of the section to remain as at present.

Further amend Chapter II, Article III by inserting a new section to follow section 4, to be numbered "Section 5," and to read as follows:

- "\$5. The Lay Electoral Conference shall elect Lay Members of Annual Conferences in the following manner:
- (a) The Lay Delegates of each District Superintendent's district shall elect Lay Members of the Annual Conference from the members of the pastoral charges of the district, equal in number to one-fifth of the number of Traveling Elders on the district, who were in the pastorate or district superintendency at the close of the last preceding session of the Annual Conference.
- (b) The Lay Electoral Conference as a whole, shall then elect Lay Members of the Annual Conference, at large equal in number to one-sixth of the ministerial members of the Annual Conference, other than district superintendent pastors. For a fraction of two-thirds or more of the number fixed as the ratio, the delegates from the several districts and the Lay Electoral Conference shall be entitled to an additional Lay Member of the Annual Conference.
- (c) The Lay Electoral Conference as a whole, and each District may elect in like manner Reserve Lay Members of the Annual Conference, not exceeding three in number, and not exceeding the number of Lay Members of the Annual

Conference elected by the several Districts or at large, who shall fill vacancies in each group in the order of their election.

After 1924 the General Conference may change the ratio of Lay Members of Annual Conferences and the method of their election."

Further amend Chapter II, Article III, §5 (Discipline, ¶39, §5), by changing "§5" to "§6", and inserting in the fifth line, after the word "election" the words, "as Lay Delegates to the General Conference or as Lay Members of the Annual Conference"; also, by inserting after the word "General", appearing in the last sentence, the words "or Annual"; so that the entire section shall read:

"§6. Lay Members twenty-five years of age or over, holding membership in pastoral charges within the bounds of the Lay Electoral Conference, and having been lay members of the Church for the five years next preceding its session shall be eligible to election as Lay Delegates to the General Conference or as Lay Members of the Annual Conference. Lay Delegates Elect or Lay Members Elect, who cease to be members of the Church within the bounds of the Lay Electoral Conference by which they were elected, shall not be entitled to seats in the General or Annual Conference."

Chapter II, Article III, as thus amended, would read as follows:

"139, \$1. A Lay Electoral Conference shall be constituted quadrennially whenever duly called by the General Conference, within the bounds of each Annual Conference, for the purpose of electing Lay Delegates to the General Conference, and Lay Members of the Annual Conference, and of voting on Constitutional changes. It shall be composed of Lay Members, one from each Pastoral Charge within its bounds, chosen by the Lay Members of the charge over twenty-one years of age, in such manner as the General Conference may determine. Each pastoral charge shall also elect in the same manner one Reserve Delegate. Members not less than twenty-one years of age, and holding members not less than twenty-one years of age, and holding mem-

bership in the Pastoral Charge electing them, are eligible to membership in the Lay Electoral Conference.

- "\$2. The Lay Electoral Conference shall assemble at the seat of the Annual Conference, on the first Friday of the session immediately preceding the General Conference, unless the General Conference shall provide otherwise.
- "\$3. The Lay Electoral Conference shall organize by electing a President and Secretary, shall adopt its own Rules of Order, and shall be the judge of the election, returns, and qualifications of its members.
- "§4. Each Lay Electoral Conference shall be entitled to elect as many delegates to the General Conference as there are Ministerial Delegates from the Annual Conference. A Lay Electoral Conference may elect Reserve Delegates, not exceeding three in number, and not exceeding the number of its Delegates. These elections shall be by ballot.
- "\$5. The Lay Electoral Conference shall elect Lay Members of the Annual Conference in the following manner:
- (a) The Lay Delegates of each District Superintendent's district shall elect Lay Members of the Annual Conference from the members of the pastoral charges of the district, equal in number to one-fifth of the number of Traveling Elders on the district, who were in the pastorate or district superintendency at the close of the last preceding session of the Annual Conference.
- (b) The Lay Electoral Conference as a whole, shall then elect Lay Members of the Annual Conference, at large, equal in number to one-sixth of the ministerial members of the Annual Conference, other than the district superintendents and pastors. For a fraction of two-thirds or more of the number fixed as the ratio, the several districts and the Lay Electoral Conference shall be entitled to an additional Lay Member of the Annual Conference.

(c) The Lay Electoral Conference as a whole, and each District may elect in like manner Reserve Lay Members of

the Annual Conference, not exceeding three in number, and not exceeding the number of Lay Members of the Annual Conference elected by the several Districts or at large, who shall fill vacancies in each group in the order of their election.

After 1924 the General Conference may change the ratio of Lay Members of Annual Conferences and the method of their election.

"§6. Lay Members twenty-five years of age or over, holding membership in the Pastoral Charges within the bounds of the Lay Electoral Conference, and having been members of the Church for five years next preceding its session shall be eligible to election as Lay Delegates to the General Conference or as Lay Members of the Annual Conference. Lay Delegates Elect and Lay Members Elect, who cease to be members of the church within the bounds of the Lay Electoral Conference by which they were elected, shall not be entitled to seats in the General or Annual Conference."

Chapter II, Article IV.

Amend Chapter II, Article IV, by changing paragraph 40 to paragraph 40, Section 1, and adding a new section, to be designated "Section 2," to read as follows:

"§2. The Secretary of the Lay Electoral Conference shall furnish certificates of election to the Lay Members and Reserve Lay Members of the Annual Conferences severally, and shall send a certificate of such election to the Secretary of the Annual Conference, immediately after the adjournment of the Lay Electoral Conference."

Chapter II, Article IV, as thus amended, would read as follows:

"¶40, §1. The Secretaries of the several Annual and Lay Electoral Conferences shall furnish certificates of election to the Delegates severally, and send a certificate of such election to the Secretary of the preceding General Conference immediately after the adjournment of said Annual or Lay Electoral Conference.

"\$2. The Secretary of the Lay Electoral Conference shall furnish certificates of election to the Lay Members and the Reserve Lay Members of the Annual Conference severally, and shall send a certificate of such election to the Secretary of the Annual Conference, immediately after the adjournment of the Lay Electoral Conference."

Chapter II, Article X.

Amend Chapter II, Article X, \$2, by inserting before the word "members" the word "Ministerial", so that the section as amended would read:

"\$2. The General Conference shall not organize nor authorize the organization of an Annual Conference with less than twenty-five Ministerial Members."

The entire Article X, as thus amended, would read:

"Article X. Powers and Restrictions.

- "146. The General Conference shall have full power to make rules and regulations for the Church under the following limitations and restrictions, namely:
- "\$1. The General Conference shall not revoke, alter, nor change our Articles of Religion, nor establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine.
 - "§2. The General Conference shall not organize nor authorize the organization of an Annual Conference with less than twenty-five Ministerial members.
 - "\$3. The General Conference shall not change nor alter any part or rule of our government so as to do away Episcopacy, nor destroy the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency; but may elect a Missionary Bishop or Superintendent for any of our foreign Missions, limiting his Episcopal jurisdiction to the same respectively.
 - "\$4. The General Conference shall not revoke nor change the General Rules of our Church.

- "§5. The General Conference shall not deprive our Ministers of the right of trial by the Annual Conference, or by a select number thereof, nor of an appeal; nor shall it deprive our members of the right of trial by a committee of members of our Church, nor of an appeal.
- "\$6. The General Conference shall not appropriate the produce of the Book Concern, nor of the Chartered Fund, to any purpose other than for the benefit of the Traveling Supernumerary, and Superannuated Preachers, their wives, widows, and children."

RESOLUTION.

Words fail to express our appreciation of the hearty welcome and excellent entertainment given us by Brother Leonard and the members and friends of the Church. Every want has been anticipated and supplied before we could ask it.

We have been greatly helped by the visiting secretaries and other workers who have come such long distances to be with us. The effects of such work will be felt through the years.

It has been a real feast and benediction to have the visiting bishops, Hartzel and Bristol, with their messages of encouragement and cheer. We pray that their path may be as a "Shining light, that shineth more and more until the Perfect Day."

Bishop Waldorf and his Area Staff have made us feel that they belong to us. They bring such helpful suggestions and wise council that the Conference time becomes a school for us. We will not cease to pray for them.

We must express our appreciation of the efficient and faithful work of our Conference officers, secretaries, treasurers, statisticians and auditors; they did the work.

We are indebted to the Book Concern for the splendid display of books and the courteous and brotherly treatment accorded us.

We highly appreciate the accurate and complete reports of the Council and Conference daily appearing in the local press.

> T. J. SHRODE, M. C. HOLLETT.

175.00

15.00

REPORT OF BOARD OF STEWARDS

RECEIPTS. Received from Gulf Conference, Permanent Fund..\$ 88.96

Received from Methodist Book Concern	268.00
Received from Chartered Fund	
Received from Board of Conference Claimants	
Received from Annual Conference Collections	
TOTAL	\$2224.96
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Geo. L. Harper	\$ 216.50
J. W. Lively	250.00
N. L. Sayers	300.00
J. Woodson	325.00
Mrs. Cheney	250.00
Mrs. Ferguson	
Mrs. Jones	
Mrs. N. H. Oliver	250.00

The Bolton	children	30.00
	TOTAL	\$2221.50
BAI	LANCE ON HAND	\$ 3.46

The Board recommends that \$1700 be apportioned to the charges for this year for Conference Claimants.

Mrs. Van Valkenburg

The Ferguson children

J. W. HERVEY, Chairman.

L. E. GOWER, Secretary.

PLAN OF CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS

Board of Examiners—T. J. Shrode, Chairman; J. W. Hervey, Registrar; C. W. Rodgers, F. J. Ensign, F. W. Loy, R. L. Weldon, B. B. Corbin, W. E. Blackstock.

ADMISSIONS ON TRIAL.

1. Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 1920, with special reference to the Articles of Religion. (For a good commentary on these, see Wheeler, Twenty-five Articles of Religion of the Methodist-Episcopal Church
W. E. Blackstock
3. Life of Wesley—Winchester
4. (a) Plain Account of Christian Perfection—
Wesley
(b) Selections from the Writings of John Wesley—Welch
5. A Bible Biography. The candidate shall be prepared to write a paper of not less than one thousand words upon one of the following subjects, using only the materials found in the Bible: The Life of Moses, The Life of David, The Life of Jesus, as recorded by Mark, The Life of Paul as given in Acts. The subject to be written upon will be assigned at the time of the examination

All papers submitted by the candidate shall be axamined with reference to the use of English, and the character of this work shall be taken into account in determining the grade in each subject. This rule shall apply throughout the Course.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR FIRST YEAR. New Testament History—Rall..........J. W. Hervey 1. Evangelism—Hannan R. L. Weldon 2. The Making of the Sermon—Pattison......B. B. Corbin 3. The Art of Writing English—Brown and Barnes 4. C. W. Rodgers Human Behavior-Colvin and Bagley.....R. L. Weldon 5. Directions and Helps for the First Year...T. J. Shrode Collateral Reading and Study: The Pastor-Preacher—Quayle F. W. Loy 1. Citizenship and Moral Reform—Langdale. B. B. Corbin 3. Wesley's Sermons—Vol. 1. C. W. Rodgers 5.

	COURSE OF STUDY FOR SECOND YEAR.
1.	(a) Dictionary of the Bible (1 Vol. Edition—
	Hastings J. W. Hervey
	(b) The Bible in the Making—SmythJ. W. Hervey
2.	History of the Christian Church—Walker (Omit-
	ting pages 1-41 R. L. Weldon
3.	(a) The Pupil and the Teacher—Weigle. B. B. Corbin
	(b) The Graded Sunday School in Principle and
	Practice—Meyer B. B. Corbin
4.	The Christian Pastor—Gladden
5.	Directions and Helps for the Second YearT. J. Shrode
Co	llateral Reading and Study:
1.	The Christian View of the Old Testament—
	Eiselen T. J. Shrode
2.	How to Teach Religion—BettsW. E. Blackstock
3.	(a) The Church in the City—Leete, or
	(b) The Country Church Serving the Com-
	munity—Earp R. L. Weldon
4.	History of Methodism (Vol. 1)—StevensJ. W. Hervey
5.	Life of Luther—McGiffertF. W. Loy
6.	Wesley's Sermons—Vol. II

	COURSE OF STUDY FOR THIRD YEAR.
1.	Beacon Lights of Prophecy-KnudsonB. B. Corbin
2.	Foundation of Christian Belief—Strickland
	J. W. Hervey
3.	Introduction to the Study of Sociology—Hayes
	F. J. Ensign
4.	The Religions of Mankind—SoperR. L. Weldon
5.	Neely's Parliamentary Practice
6.	Directions and Helps for the Third YearT. J. Shrode
Co	llateral Reading and Study:
1.	Studies in Christianity—BowneW. E. Blackstock
2.	The Church and Industrial Reconstruction—
	C. W. Rodgers
3.	History of Methodism (Vol. II)—Stevens. J. W. Hervey
4.	Life of Phillips Brooks (briefer edition)—Allen
	F. W. Loy
5.	Modern Premillennialism and the Christian Hope
	—RallB. B. Corbin
6.	The Methodist ReviewF. J. Ensign
	COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE FOURTH YEAR.
1.	Paul and His Epistles—HayesJ. W. Hervey
2.	System of Christian Doctrine—Sheldon (omitting
	Part 1 and Appendix B. B. Corbin
3.	The Five Great Philosophies of Life—Hyde
	W. E. Blackstock
4.	The Book of Isaiah (Vol. I-II)—SmithF. J. Ensign
5.	Directions and Helps for the Fourth Year. T. J. Shrode llateral Reading and Study:
1.	Missionary Morale—MillerB. B. Corbin
2.	Outline of Christian Theology—ClarkeC. W. Rodgers
3.	Good Ministers of Jesus Christ—McDowell F. W. Loy
4.	History of Methodism (Vol. III) Stevens—
	J. W. Hervey
5.	The Methodist ReviewF. J. Ensign

REGULATIONS.

- 1. No less than ten questions for examination in each study shall be prepared by each examiner, and as many copies of these questions as the Chairman shall need shall be sent to him two weeks before the date of examination.
- 2. All examinations shall be in writing and in the presence of witnesses if practicable.
- 3. Examination papers shall be graded on the basis of subject matter, use of English and assignment of written work.
- 4. The examination shall be graded on the scale of 100 and 70 per cent is the minimum passing grade.
- 5. Each examiner shall report all grades promptly to the Registrar.
- 6. Each examiner shall give instruction by correspondence, and see that the assignments of written work, both of the regular text books and of the collateral books be done satisfactorily.
- 7. No equivalent for any subject in the course of study will be accepted, except on certificate signed by the President or Registrar of the College where subject was taken, and stating time when subject was pursued.
- 8. The wise student will get in touch at once with his examiner.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

GULF MISSION

Year Time		Place	Place Bishop	
1893 1894 1895 1896	Jan. 25 Jan. 24	Jennings, La Lake Charles, La. Crowley, La. Jennings, La.	J. M. Walden Thos. Bowman	C. K. Woodson C. K. Woodson

GULF MISSION CONFERENCE

Year	Time	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1897 1898 1899 1900 1901 1902 1903	Feb. 3 Feb. 2 Feb. 1 Jan. 17	Jennings, La. Crowley, La. Lake Charles, La. Marshall, Tex. Jennings, La. Lake Charles, La. Port Arthur, Tex.	W. X. Ninde S. M. Merrill I. W. Joce H. W. Warren C. D. Foss	C. K. Woodson C. K. Woodson L. W. Elkins C. W. Campbell C. W. Campbell

GULF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Year	Time	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1904 1905 1906 1906 1907 1908 1909 1910 1911 1912 1913 1914 1915 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920 1921 1922	Dec. 7 Dec. 7 Nov. 29 Nov. 27	Hughes Springs, Tex. Gloster, Miss. Welsh, La. Marshall, Tex. Jennings, La. Lake Charles, La. Port Arthur, Tex. Welsh, La. Marshall, Tex. Port Arthur, Tex. Woodville, Tex. Jennings, La. Port Arthur, Tex. Houston, Tex. Hughes Springs, Tex. Houston, Tex. Lake Charles, La. Houston, Tex. Port Arthur, Tex.	H. Spellmeyer L. B. Wilson William Burt W. A. Quayle T. B. Neely T. B. Neely	F. F. Fitch W. E. Harrison J. R. Basket J. R. Basket J. R. Basket J. R. Basket H. H. McCain H. H. McCain H. H. McCain J. R. Basket J. R. Basket J. R. Basket J. R. Leonard H. C. Leonard

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REV. W. R. NEWTON.

A TRIBUTE TO A GOOD MAN.

By FRANK W. LOY.

In Psalm 112 we find a description of "a good man." description in every particular may be fittingly applied to the late Rev. William R. Newton. Often we have heard this tes-

timony concerning him, "He was a good man."

Brother Newton was born at Paris, Kentucky, October 3, 1851. He was a Christian in spirit and life from childhood. In early life he entered the ministry, and during the last years of his ministry he faithfully served the kingdom, as a member of the Gulf Conference. For twelve years he was pastor of Bayou Chene, where Evangeline came seeking Gabriel, and where many of Evangeline's people live. During those years he was the only pastor in that part of the State of Louisiana. In a motor boat Bro. Newton passed up and down the Bayous ministering as an angel of mercy and light to the neglected peoples living in boats or humble homes on the banks of the He broke to them the bread of life, comforted the streams. sick, often caring for them and ministering to their wants. In the twelve years he baptised over 400 children. He was truly loved by all. Little children waited to catch his smile and to feel the pressure of his hand upon their heads.

He never married, but with marvelous capacity for love, he lavished his affections upon those about him. He prized

his friends, and found ways to show his appreciation.

His preaching was scholarly, clear, fervent; his voice strong vet gentle. His messages glowed, a good minister of Jesus Christ.

Brother Newton was built on the Abraham Lincoln pattern

and was sometimes called by his friends, "Father Abraham. He served as Chaplain in the Spanish American War. H requested the writer to preach his funeral sermon, designating the text, Isaiah 35:8 but was unable to reach Bayou Chene until after the burial. The following Sunday, services, largely attended, were held in Bayou Chene Church in his honor. was buried near the church he served so long and well.

His sister and relatives could not be with him, but kind friends met his every need, and followed him to his grave. We loved him, we miss him, and hope to strike glad hands with him on that bright eternal shore he has safely reached.

He departed this life on Sunday eve., July 2, 1922. Peacefully, trustingly, he closed his eyes on earth to open them in heaven.

Doubtless, to Bro. Newton, sunset on earth was sunrise in heaven.

Blessed be his memory.

ROLL OF OUR HONORED DEAD

"They rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

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STATISTICAL TABLES AND TREASURER'S REPORT---GULF CONFERENCE---1922

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, GULF CONFERENCE, 1922
LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

S. S. Expenses, Lesson	21 ::1 ::28	1822
Paid by S. S. to Centenary & Apportioned Benevolences	20.2.2.4.4.0.4.4.0.1.0.1.0.1.0.1.0.1.0.1.0.1.0	906
Accessions to Ch. from Membership of S. S.		140
Scholars, inc. Home Dept. who are Church or Prep. Members	257 257 258 259 259 269 270 270 270 270 270 270 270 270 270 270	904
Officers & Teachers who are Church or Prep. Members	7. 11. 11. 11. 11. 11. 11. 11. 11. 11. 1	227
Average Attendance sabard lia to	650 650 650 650 650 650 650 650	1130
Total Enrollment in all Departments	1111 1110 1100 1104 1128 1128 1128 1128 1128 1128 1128 112	2218
Children on the Cradle Roll		172
Members in the Home Dept.	20 20 144 155 155 253	130
Scholars of all Grades not including Home Dept. or Cradle Roll	1000 1000 1451 1452 1112 1121 1121 1132 1132 1132 1132 11	1761
Officers & Teachers	1.010 :110 010 010 010 010 010 010 010 010	251
Sunday Schools		21
NAME OF CHARGE OR CHURCH	Athurn and Oak Grove Bayou Chene Basile DeRidder DeRidder DeRidder DeRidder DeRinger Igwar Igwar Loranger Larke Charles. Loranger Lucher. Loranger Lucher. New Orleans: First Italian. Reymond Raymond	Totals

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, GULF CONFERENCE, 1922 HOUSTON DISTRICT

S. S. Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	250 050 050 050 050 050 050 050 050 050	2707
Paid by S. S. to Centenary & Apportioned Benevolences	298 298 32 32 63 63 6 8 8 6 7 7 7 7	923
Accessions to Ch. from Membership of S. S.	11 19 23 24 24 20 2 2 2 3 3 3	123
Scholars, inc. Home Dept. who are Church or Prep. Members	75 75 75 75 75 75 75 76 100 62 62 62 62 100	937
Officers & Teachers who are Church or Prep. Members	211 211 211 211 211 211 211 211 211 211	262
Average Attendance sebard Ila fo	2676 1988 1207 1208 1000 1000 1000 1000 177 177 177 177 177	1775
Total Enrollment in all Departments	282 283 283 283 283 283 284 125 125 126 126 126 126 126 126 126 126 127 126 126 127 127 127 127 127 127 127 127 127 127	2806
Children on the Cradle Roll	122 202 106 200 200 112 117 255 253 31	225
Members in the Home Dept.	300	78
Scholars of ali Grades not including Home Dept. or Cradle Roll	118 176 470 470 188 188 188 189 100 100 108 1182 1183 1183 1183 1183 1183 1183 118	2592
Officers & Teachers	24 171 172 172 173 173 174 175 177 177 177 178 178 178 178 178 178 178	306
Sunday Schools		933
NAME OF CHARGE OR CHURCH	Alvin and Arcadia Bethel and Deadwood Houston: "Collins Memorial" La Porte Sprgs., Jefferson, Atlanta. Lufkin Circuit Marshall. Morgans Point Ore City Circuit Rock Hill and Shelbyville. Subh Gircuit Sabine Circuit Texas City Texas City Winnsboro Circuit Texas City Texas Cit	Totals

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, GULF CONFERENCE, 1922 SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT

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Lyford San Antonio Army Post. San Antonio Army Post. Turner Tract Rio Hondo San Juan El Jardin & Rangerville.	Totals.
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TREASURER'S REPORT, GULF CONFERENCE, 1922 LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

	Grand Total Inc. Disc. & An. Conf. Benev. & Other Cash Items	200 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	7512
S	General Conference Expenses	. α	6
h Items	Board of Epworth		
r Cash	Annual Conf. Invest- ments for Conf. Cl.		33
Other	Support of Conference Claimants	20 20 30 30 30 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	503
	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)		226
	Support of District Superintendent	2500 1111 1212 1212 1213 1213 1213 1213 12	1468
lces	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	30 249 249 249 140 140 1153 1153 1153 1153 1153 1153 1153 115	5273
Disciplinary Benevolences	Woman's Home Missionary Society	333333333333333333333333333333333333333	262
ury Ber	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	18.	43
sciplina	Children's Day Fund (Board of Education)		85
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	NAME OF CHARGE OR CHURCH	Auburn and Oak Grove Basie Bas	Totals.

TREASURER'S REPORT, GULF CONFERENCE, 1922 HOUSTON DISTRICT

Other Cash Items	Grand Total Inc. Disc. & An. Conf. Benev. & Other Cash Items	263 263 2148 2148 215 215 215 2162 2162 2162 2162 2162 21	7226
	General Conference Expenses		16
	Board of Epworth League		
	Annual Conf. Invest- ments for Conf. Cl.	1.0	10
	Support of Conference Claimants	2882 272 : 4 : 522	624
	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	44452442 644242 6442424 644244 644444 644444 644444 644444 644444 644444 644444 644444 644444 644444 644444 6444 64444 64444 64444 64444 64444 64444 64444 64444 64444 64444 64446 64444 6444 64444 64444 64444 64444 64444 64444 64444 64444 64444 64444 6444 64446 64446 64446 64444 6444 64446 64446 64446 64446 64446 64446 64446 64446 64446 64446 6444	281
	Support of District Superintendent	757 280 580 580 580 580 580 580 580 580 580 5	1420
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	Episcopal Residence	:- 141 : 8 :	18
	Area Evangelistic & Conference Evan.	8 8 8 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	285
	Russian Famine Fund	500	57
	Twenty-four Hour Day		70
	Epworth League		72
	City Missionary or Ch. Extension So.		
	Hospitals & Homes Endow., Bldgs., Special Gifts		
	Ed. Endow., Bldgs., Special Gifts for use within the Conf.	25	25
	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	144 150 1493 1493 117 117 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 105	4407
	Woman's Home Missionary Society	18	142
	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	8	211
	Children's Day Fund (Board of Education)	4	69
	Centenary and Apportioned Benevolences	1114 1500 1500 1173 1177 1107 1107 1108 1108 1108 1108 1108	3985
NAME OF CHARGE OR CHURCH		Alvin and Arcadia Bethel and Daadwood Bethel and Daadwood Houston: "Collins Memorial" La Porte La Porte Marshall. Mongans Point Mongans Point Noonday and Wesley. Polk Circuit Rock Hill and Shelbyville Sabine Gircuit Rock Hill and Shelbyville Winnsboro Gircuit Winnsboro Circuit Pont Gircuit Pont Arthur.	Totals



